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SUBJECT: ECUADOR DEMARCHE RESPONSE - U.S. CANDIDATE FOR
UN'S ICSC ELECTION

REF: STATE 55499

Classified By: POL Counselor Nan Fife for Reasons 1.4 (b&d)

¶1. (C) PolOff delivered reftel points to MFA Multilateral Affairs Director General Lourdes Puma on June 12. Puma said that the GOE has not yet made a decision who it would vote for in the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC) election. She did acknowledge, however, that the EU holds too many positions on the ICSC and has an unbalanced representation; she would like to reduce their consolidated power

¶2. (C) While noting that she knows the U.S does not trade votes, she thought that perhaps the GOE and the USG could help each other out. Ecuador will have candidates for two UN bodies, the Human Rights Council and the Economic and Social Council, and she would like to suggest the USG consider voting for them at the UN General Assembly in September. We reaffirmed that the U.S. does not trade votes.
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